

Thank you to everyone who helped with this service:

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Readers: Kim Anderson, Marilyn Chindvall, Archer Dorry, Judy Beckman, Kristi Ehrenberg, Darin Ehrenberg, Jim Foster, Marilyn Hanson, Terry Kalberg, Liz Ketz, Ray Ogdahl, Becky Parker, Kathy Randall, Teresa Sayles, Jonathan Ydstie, Brent Zahrbock

Senior Choir:

SOPRANO

Teresa Sayles
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Kristi Ehrenberg
Marilyn Hanson
Julie Hipple
Marla Strei

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Judy Beckman
Jim Foster
Jonathan Ydstie
Brent Zahrbock

ALTO

Kim Anderson
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Liz Ketz
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Kathy Randall
Nancy Nolop
Kathy Longhenry
Lila Salls
Liv Wollschlager

BASS

Darin Ehrenberg
Terry Kalberg
Ray Ogdahl
Dick Strei
John Salls
Archer Dorry

Ministry Assistants: Brandon, Ashton C, Ava, Chase, Rylie & Lexi (acolytes), Marina Thomson (tech desk), Glenn & Deb Henningson, Ron Athey (ushers).

¹Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, from her website Rev-o-lution

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Our Tree of Life



April 7, 2023

First English Lutheran Church

9 NW 3rd ST; Ortonville, MN 56278

Reverend Denise Fossen

Lisa Berdan, Senior Choir Director

Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson, Missionaries/Tanzania

Good Friday

ELW SETTING THREE



7:00 pm

You are There - Jesus' Last Days

Love, Mercy, Grace



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(Enter in silence)

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We begin in silence and depart silently, leaving with no benediction until we receive the benediction of Easter joy.

GATHERING

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**
P: A confession for this Good Friday, C: **We confess to you, our Lord and Savior, that we have betrayed and denied You, forgotten and doubted You. When our faith is tested, we wonder where You are. When we see injustice in the world, we often stand by, we turn our backs, we ignore the cries of others. We confess that again and again we deny You and betray You with our silence when we fail to proclaim Your Good News, when we fail to live out Your teachings and love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us, O God, and help us to truly repent. Help us to remember your sacrifice, Your love, and to know Your forgiveness. In the name of the One who lived, who was crucified, and who lives again, Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.**¹

Short time of silent reflection.

NARRATION

‘You Are There’ Senior Choir
(This song brings us to the scenes we will witness.)

Scene 1 – The Supper

‘What Wondrous Love is This’ (Underscore)

NARRATION

‘Beloved, Let Us Love One Another’ Senior Choir
‘Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service’ (Underscore)

NARRATION

‘Beautiful Hands’ Senior Choir
Scene 2 – Gethsemane

Congregation: ‘Go to Dark Gethsemane’ v. 1 ELW #347
NARRATION

‘Father, Let This Pass’ Senior Choir
Drum Interlude Eliot Dorry

NARRATION

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Scene 3 – The Governor’s Quarters
‘O Sacred Head Now Wounded’ (Underscore)

NARRATION

Drum Interlude Eliot Dorry
‘Mercy’ Senior Choir
Scene 4 – The Cross at Calvary
‘Beneath the Cross of Jesus’ (Underscore)

NARRATION

‘Jesus, Keep Me in Your Sight’ Senior Choir
Drum Interlude Eliot Dorry

NARRATION

Remembering the Words and Teachings of Jesus

Pause for a brief time of reflection between each reading.

‘Moonlight Sonata’ by Beethoven (Underscore)

R: “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
R: “Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”
R: “But seek first his kingdom and all these things will be given to you as well.”
R: “Whoever wants to be first, must be a slave of all.”
C: For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to give his life as a ransom for many.
R: “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.”
R: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.”
R: “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”
C: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.
R: “You have heard it said, “Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”
R: “I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
C: With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.
R: “It is finished.”

‘Behold the Lamb of God’ Senior Choir

Leave in silence and quiet contemplation.

Join us again this upcoming Sunday, April 9th, at either our 7:00 am or 9:00 am Celebration of the Resurrection service. We also have a youth-sponsored Easter Breakfast at 8:00 am (between services) serving omelets, sausage patties, fresh baked cinnamon rolls, juice, and coffee.